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HANDING OVER OF NTPC MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hand over the management of those power houses to developers like National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) which have Plant Load Factor (PLF) less than 60 per cent;

(b) if so, the reaction received from respective States thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government on the basis of these reactions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise in view of (a) above, however, Ministry of Power has launched the `Partnership in Excellence` Programme for optimum utilization of the under performing power stations of the country. Ministry has initially identified 26 such power stations which are operating at below 60% PLF. `Partnership in Excellence` is to be forged between these 26 stations and those utilities that are performing better so as to utilize the expertise of the better performing stations to improve the generation potential of these stations at a reasonable cost in the shortest possible time. Out of 26 thermal power Stations, revival of four stations have been found economically unviable, partnership of sixteen stations have been forged with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), two with Andhra Pradesh Generation Company (APGENCO) and one each with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (RRVUNL) and Tata Power. In remaining two stations, viz., Gandhinagar and Kutch Lignite, GESECL has undertaken to improve performance by self O&M.